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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER KAMEL'S PARTICIPATION IN SSOD

REF: STATE 125074

1. I FULLY RECOGNIZE SECRETARY'S HEAVY SCHEDULE, BUT I DO HOPE THAT SOME WAY CAN BE FOUND TO ARRANGE THAT HE MEET WITH FONMIN KAMEL. KAMEL HAS SEVERAL TIMES INDICATED THAT HE HOPES TO MEET WITH THE SECRETARY WHILE IN U.S. AND THAT HE IS PREPARED COME TO WASHINGTON FOR A DAY AS NECESSARY. AFTER SECRETARY HAS MET WITH DAYAN, SAUD BIN FAYSAL AND OTHER ARAB FONMINS, IT WOULD DISTURB SADAT GREATLY IF KAMEL IS NOT RECEIVED. MOREOVER, IT WOULD BE VIEWED HERE AS A SLAP AT KAMEL, WHICH IS HARDLY HELPFUL TO OUR OVERALL PURPOSES. KAMEL AND I ARE CONSTANTLY RECEIVING QUERIES FROM EGYPTIAN JOURNALISTS WHETHER MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY HAS BEEN ARRANGED. WE HAVE UP TO NOW BEEN ABLE TO FINESSE THIS BY NOTING THAT KAMEL'S TRAVEL PLANS WERE STILL UNCERTAIN. THIS, AS INDICATED BELOW, IS NO LONGER THE CASE.

2. WITH ALL RESPECTS, MEETING WITH UNDERSEC NEWSOM, SAUNDERS OR ATHERTON IS NOT THE SAME THING AS A MEETING "

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WITH THE SECRETARY. WE SHOULD RECALL THAT SADAT SPECIFICALLY INDICATED THAT KAMEL WOULD BE READY TO GO TO U.S. TO MEET WITH THE SECRETARY IN CONNECTION WITH ME PEACE PROCESS.

3. KAMEL IS NOW SCHEDULED TO DEPART FOR NEW YORK ON MAY 27. HIS SPEECH TO SSOD HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO MAY 31. AS

INDICATED ABOVE, HE WOULD THEREAFTER BE WILLING TO GO TO WASHINGTON FOR A DAY OR SO TO MEET WITH THE SECRETARY, DEPENDING UPON THE SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE. I STRONGLY URGE THAT AN EFFORT BE MADE TO FIT HIM INTO THE SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE, EVEN IF ONLY FOR AN HOUR OR SO. FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS CAN BE HELD WITH NEWSOM, SAUNDERS AND ATHERTON.

4. KAMEL HAS MADE NO RPT NO SUGGESTION OF WANTING TO MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT AND I RATHER DOUBT THAT HE WILL. SHOULD HE DO SO, IT SHOULD NOT BE DIFFICULT TO TURN HIM OFF BECAUSE OF THE PRESIDENT'S TIGHT SCHEDULE. BUT KAMEL WILL EXPECT TO SEE THE SECRETARY AND WILL BE HUMILIATED AND UPSET IF THIS IS NOT ARRANGED. EILTS

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